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Craig Howard Lentz of Brandon, cherished husband and father, passed away at the age of 51 surrounded by his family and friends, on November 20, 2024. Craig, formerly of Laurel and Gilbert, Arizona, was born on September 22, 1973.

Craig was a graduate of Laurel High School where he excelled in both soccer and baseball. He then attended Jones College. Craig worked as a Housing Manager for Apartment Outfitters for many years before fulfilling his creative passion as a finish carpenter and contractor where he shined.

Family was Craig's priority, and his greatest role in life was being a dad to his beautiful girls. He lived for the moments that mattered the most – watching his daughters participate and succeed in school and athletics. He was immensely proud of the family he built. He loved fishing, he loved woodworking, and he loved sports! He experienced the most joy from coaching his daughters in soccer and was dedicated to making a positive difference both on and off the field. Coach Craig's impact was profound with his humor, nicknames, and handshakes, as well as his knowledge and intensity. His legacy will continue through the lives he shaped and the hearts he touched. He will be deeply

missed by all who knew and loved him.

Craig is survived by his wife, Aimee Jones Lentz of Brandon; daughters, Lily Marin Lentz and Elizabeth Grace Lentz of Gulfport; baby grandson Beckham Elliott Hernandez of Gulfport; parents, Bruce and Phyllis Lentz of Laurel; sister, Stacey Zimmerman (John) of Minnetrista, Minnesota; brother, Kevin Lentz (Erin) of Phoenix, Arizona; as well as, a host of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his father and mother-in-law, Buddy and Nancy Jones of Heidelberg, and brother-in-law, Brian Jones of Tupelo.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 27, 2024, at 11:00 A.M. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, 3100 Audubon Drive, Laurel, Mississippi 39440, with visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M. prior to the service.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapel Laurel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Craig Howard Lentz.*



December 26, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Craig Howard Lentz.*



December 26, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Howard Lentz.*

December 26, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ *DeDe, Becky & Luke purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Craig Howard Lentz.*



DeDe, Becky & Luke - December 26, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Craig Howard Lentz.*



December 24, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Howard Lentz.

December 24, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Craig Howard Lentz.*



December 23, 2024 at 06:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Anonymous - December 23, 2024 at 12:41 AM

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“ Sending prayers to Craig’s family.



Classmate R H Watkins 1992 - December 22, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Craig Howard Lentz.



December 20, 2024 at 04:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Craig Howard Lentz.

December 20, 2024 at 04:49 PM

KJ

“ Kelsey Wright and Leslie Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Craig Howard Lentz.



Kelsey Wright and Leslie Johnson - December 20, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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“ Kelsey Wright and Leslie Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Craig Howard Lentz.

Kelsey Wright and Leslie Johnson - December 20, 2024 at 02:40 PM

ML

“ Craig loved getting to know people. I first met Craig when I needed someone to do some "handyman" work on my new home. His first estimate for me was written on notebook paper in magic marker! I have to admit I was a little skeptical. Craig worked in his own time zone and we used to joke about "Craig time":) Needless to say the work was flawless and we went on to do many home improvement projects together. I had the blessing of getting to know Aimee, Lily and Gracie as well as Ruger-Ru and Lo. Often "Craig time" included outside of the 9-5 and Saturdays and Sundays. Sometimes I would be watching one of my favorite shows "90 Fiance" and Craig would be working on projects in my home. After a period of time, as we were finishing our projects, Craig would stop for a minute and ask me questions like "Isn't that guy who moved to South Africa?" or "Isn't that the lady whose mother lives with them?" It made me laugh that he was listening while I was watching!
Keep on watching "Mr. Craig"!

Marci Lewis - December 19, 2024 at 02:57 PM

NP

We are so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in our prayers 🙏
Love, Nan and Hardie Perritt

Nan Perritt - December 23, 2024 at 10:19 AM

BF

“ Bruce and Phyllis, I send my deepest condolences to you and your family. It sounds like Craig was an amazing and successful man. I regret that I cannot attend his memorial service. I will be out of town. I didn't realize that you still live in Laurel. I am praying for you and your family that your memories of him will comfort you now and in the time to come. Much love, Barbara Foley

Barbara Foley - December 18, 2024 at 07:50 PM

RH

“ Richard Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Craig Lentz



Richard Hollingsworth - December 18, 2024 at 09:12 AM